

IN THE SPECIFICATION AMEND

Please delete the paragraph on Page 1, Line 29, and insert instead:

- - This object is achieved according to the invention by a laminated composite material ~~having the features disclosed in claim 1~~ that is a flat, flexible laminated composite material having a liquid-impermeable layer and a liquid-absorbent layer bonded to the liquid-impermeable layer. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 2, Line 15, and insert instead:

- - The development according to ~~claim 2~~ one preferred embodiment of the invention is a particularly simple and inexpensive realization of the liquid-impermeable layer, which includes a sheet as the liquid-impermeable layer. Depending on the sheet material that is employed (plastics, metal, etc.) the sheet in the laminated composite material may also fulfill a supporting function. When using thin polymer sheets, for example of polyethylene, thin and flexible laminated composite materials can be fabricated. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 2, Line 24, and insert instead:

- - A high degree of wearer comfort combined with a high liquid absorption capacity of the laminated composite material is achieved by the detailed design of the laminated composite material according to ~~claim 3~~ another preferred embodiment, which includes a pile of cotton fibers as the liquid-absorbent layer. The projecting fibres of the pile keep the user's body surface at a predetermined distance from the liquid-impermeable layer, so that contact between the body surface and the liquid-impermeable layer, with the

associated danger of accumulation of fluid, is reliably prevented. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 2, Line 34, and insert instead:

- - Once again, both the wearer comfort and liquid absorption capacity are improved by the detailed design according to ~~claim 4~~yet another preferred embodiment, in which the liquid-absorbent layer is a fleecy material. In this connection the term fleecy material understood to denote a woolen pile that is substantially higher than the pile of a normal velour material. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, Line 4, and insert instead:

- - With the liquid-absorbent layer ~~according to claim 5~~another preferred embodiment of the invention, there is again a good wearer comfort combined with a high liquid absorption capacity. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, Line 8, and insert instead:

- - The detailed design of the laminated composite material ~~according to claim 6~~may additionally ~~has~~ have the function of releasing a substance, by including microcapsules filled with a substance, and having a covering that can be degraded or destroyed. The amount released as well as the duration of the release can be controlled via the stability of the coating of the microcapsules. Suitable substances include for example menthol extracts, to facilitate breathing, aroma substances or air fresheners. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, Line 16, and insert instead:

- - The detailed design ~~according to claim 7 is intended~~ may additionally to maintain an initially established uniform distribution of the microcapsules on or in the laminated composite material, by allowing the microcapsules to adhere to fibres in the pile,
preferably through the use of a bonding agent. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, Line 21, and insert instead:

- -The detailed design ~~according to claim 8~~ may additionally ensures a mechanical reinforcement of the liquid-impermeable layer through mechanical reinforcement of the liquid-impermeable layer. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, Line 34, and insert instead:

- - In this connection, a supporting layer having a flexible network layer ~~according to claim 9 is~~ may be both inexpensive and light, but at the same time is fully adequate for applications in which the supporting layer substantially serves as a spacing member between the liquid-impermeable layer and substrate of the laminated composite material.
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Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, Line 31, and insert instead:

- - The ~~embodiment according to claim 10~~invention may in addition prevents the laminated composite material from slipping on a backing or substrate by forming the flexible network layer of a material having a high degree of friction, such as rubber. - -

Please delete the paragraph on Page 3, Line 35, and insert instead:

- - An additional cover layer ~~according to claim 11~~may also be included, which provides on the one hand protection for the liquid-absorbent layer, for example against mechanical action, and on the other hand, particularly if the liquid-absorbent layer is hydrophobic, ensures that the user's body is again additionally insulated against accumulation of liquid in the liquid-absorbent layer.--

Please delete the paragraph on Page 4, Line 6, and insert instead:

- - According to ~~claim 12~~another embodiment of the invention, the bonding of the cover layer to the liquid-absorbent layer enables endless laminated composite materials having a cover layer to be produced. - -